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ANTI-ALIASING LOW-PASS BLUR
FILTER FOR REDUCING
ARTIFACTS IN IMAGING
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In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 1999, please
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An imaging apparatus for generating an
image signal from incident light with higher spatial frequencies of said incident
light limited to reduce undersampling artifacts, said apparatus comprising:
an image sensor for generating the image signal from an array of
photosites; and
an optical section having a birefringent uniaxial crystal optical
filter interposed in a path of the incident light to produce a blurred image on said
photosites, said birefringent uniaxial crystal optical filter birefringence being
greater than 0.05, and said birefringent uniaxial crystal optical filter being lithium
niobate.

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently
amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 4-16 are pending in the present application. Claim
3 has been cancelled by the present amendment.